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## SENATE BILL No. 67

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**Citations Affected:** IC 36-8.

**Synopsis:** Wireless enhanced 911. Specifies that a commercial mobile radio service (CMRS) provider may be reimbursed from the wireless emergency telephone system fund for costs incurred before July 1, 2005, to implement wireless enhanced 911 service. Allows part of the wireless enhanced 911 fee to be used to reimburse public safety answering points and the wireless enhanced 911 advisory board (board) for certain wireless enhanced 911 services required by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) but not specified in the 1996 FCC order concerning wireless enhanced 911. Provides that after all CMRS providers have been reimbursed for expenses incurred before July 1, 2005, the board may reduce or reallocate the part of the fee used to reimburse CMRS providers. Prohibits the board from reimbursing a CMRS provider for expenses submitted after December 31, 2005. Repeals an obsolete reference to pseudo-automatic number identification.

**Effective:** July 1, 2005.

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January 4, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure.

January 20, 2005, amended; reassigned to Committee on Appropriations.

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First Regular Session 114th General Assembly (2005)

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## SENATE BILL No. 67

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 36-8-16.5-26 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 26. **(a)** The board may  
3 adjust the wireless emergency enhanced 911 fee that is assessed under  
4 section 25.5 of this chapter. The board shall assess the ~~fees~~ **fee** at rates  
5 that ensure full recovery over a reasonable period of time of costs  
6 incurred by:

7 **(1)** CMRS providers **before July 1, 2005**; and

8 **(2)** PSAPs;

9 to develop and maintain an enhanced wireless 911 system.

10 **(b)** The ~~fees~~ **fee assessed under section 25.5 of this chapter** may  
11 not:

12 **(1)** be raised or lowered more than one (1) time in a calendar year;

13 **(2)** be raised more than seven cents (\$0.07) by an adjustment; or

14 **(3)** exceed one dollar (\$1) per month for each telephone number.

15 SECTION 2. IC 36-8-16.5-37 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
16 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 37. A CMRS provider  
17 may recover **from the fund** all of its ~~cost of implementing costs~~

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1 **incurred before July 1, 2005, to implement** enhanced wireless 911  
 2 service. ~~from the fund.~~

3 SECTION 3. IC 36-8-16.5-38 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 4 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 38. To recover costs  
 5 **incurred before July 1, 2005, as allowed** under section 37 of this  
 6 chapter, a CMRS provider must submit a full, sworn, true, complete,  
 7 and detailed cost recovery plan. The board must approve the plan  
 8 before the CMRS provider may recover costs from the fund under  
 9 section 37 of this chapter.

10 SECTION 4. IC 36-8-16.5-39 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 11 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 39. (a) Except as  
 12 provided by section 26 of this chapter and subsection (b), the fund must  
 13 be managed in the following manner:

14 (1) Three cents (\$0.03) of the wireless emergency 911 fee  
 15 collected from each subscriber must be deposited in an escrow  
 16 account to be used to reimburse:

17 (A) CMRS providers, ~~and~~ PSAPs, **and the board** for costs  
 18 associated with implementation of phase two (2) of the FCC  
 19 order; **and**

20 (B) **PSAPs and the board for costs associated with other**  
 21 **wireless enhanced 911 services mandated by the FCC but**  
 22 **not specified in the FCC order.**

23 The board may invest money in the account in the manner  
 24 prescribed by section 23 of this chapter and may use the proceeds  
 25 of the investments to reimburse CMRS providers and PSAPs  
 26 under this subdivision. ~~The board shall reevaluate the fees placed~~  
 27 ~~into escrow not later than May 1, 2000. The board shall determine~~  
 28 ~~if the fee should be reduced, remain the same, or be increased~~  
 29 ~~based on the latest information available concerning the costs~~  
 30 ~~associated with phase two (2) of the FCC order.~~

31 (2) At least twenty-five cents (\$0.25) of the wireless emergency  
 32 911 fee collected from each subscriber must be deposited in an  
 33 escrow account and used to reimburse CMRS providers for the  
 34 actual costs incurred by the CMRS providers **before July 1, 2005,**  
 35 in complying with the wireless 911 requirements established by  
 36 the FCC order and rules that are adopted by the FCC under the  
 37 FCC order, including costs and expenses incurred in designing,  
 38 upgrading, purchasing, leasing, programming, installing, testing,  
 39 or maintaining all necessary data, hardware, and software  
 40 required to provide service as well as the costs of operating the  
 41 service. The board may invest money in the account in the manner  
 42 prescribed by section 23 of this chapter and may use the proceeds

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of the investments to reimburse CMRS providers under this subdivision. ~~Except as provided by section 38 of this chapter,~~ The CMRS provider may only request funds for true cost recovery. The board may increase the amount held in escrow under this subdivision not more than one (1) time a calendar year. If the board adjusts the wireless emergency 911 fee under section 26 of this chapter within a calendar year, an adjustment to the amount held in escrow under this subdivision for the calendar year must be made at that time. **When all CMRS providers have been reimbursed under this chapter, the board shall reevaluate the part of the fee used to reimburse CMRS providers under this subdivision and may:**

(A) reduce the amount of; or

(B) reallocate;

**the part of the fee used to reimburse CMRS providers under this subdivision. A reduction or reallocation under this subdivision is not an adjustment under section 26 of this chapter.**

(3) Two percent (2%) of the wireless emergency 911 fee collected from each subscriber may be used by the board to recover the board's expenses in administering this chapter. However, the board may increase this percentage at the time the board may adjust the monthly fee assessed against each subscriber to allow for full recovery of administration expenses.

(4) The remainder of the wireless emergency 911 fee collected from each subscriber must be distributed in the following manner:

(A) The board shall distribute on a monthly basis to each county containing one (1) or more eligible PSAPs, as identified by the county in the notice required under section 40 of this chapter, a part of the remainder based upon the county's percentage of the state's population (as reported in the most recent official United States census). A county must use a distribution received under this clause to reimburse PSAPs that:

(i) are identified by the county under section 40 of this chapter as eligible for distributions; and

(ii) accept wireless enhanced 911 service;

for actual costs incurred by the PSAPs in complying with the wireless enhanced 911 requirements established by the FCC order and rules.

(B) The amount of the fee remaining, if any, after the distributions required under clause (A) must be distributed in

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equal shares between the escrow accounts established under subdivisions (1) and (2). **If, after all CMRS providers have been reimbursed under this chapter, an escrow account is no longer maintained under subdivision (2), the total amount of the fee remaining, if any, after the distributions required under clause (A) must be distributed to the escrow account established under subdivision (1).**

(b) Notwithstanding the requirements described in subsection (a), the board may transfer money between and among the accounts in subsection (a) in accordance with the following procedures:

(1) For purposes of acting under this subsection, the board must have a quorum consisting of at least one (1) member appointed under section 18(c)(2) of this chapter and at least one (1) member appointed under section 18(c)(3) of this chapter.

(2) A transfer under this subsection must be approved by the affirmative vote of:

(A) at least fifty percent (50%) of the members present at a duly called meeting of the board who are appointed under section 18(c)(2) of this chapter; and

(B) at least fifty percent (50%) of the members present at a duly called meeting of the board who are appointed under section 18(c)(3) of this chapter.

(3) The board may make transfers only one (1) time during a calendar year.

(4) The board may not make a transfer that:

(A) impairs cost recovery by CMRS providers or PSAPs; or

(B) impairs the ability of the board to fulfill its management and administrative obligations described in this chapter.

SECTION 5. IC 36-8-16.5-42 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 42. (a) A CMRS provider shall submit to the board sworn invoices related to a request for reimbursement under section 39 of this chapter. An invoice submitted under this section must contain language swearing or affirming, under the penalty of perjury, that the representations made in the invoice are accurate to the best of the signer's knowledge. The signer must be:

(1) an employee or officer of the CMRS provider submitting the invoice; and

(2) designated by the CMRS provider to sign on its behalf and bind the CMRS provider to the representations made.

The board may not approve an invoice submitted under this section if reimbursement of a cost described in the invoice is not related to

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1 compliance with the requirements of the FCC order and the rules  
2 adopted by the FCC under the FCC order. **The board may not**  
3 **approve an invoice submitted under this section after December**  
4 **31, 2005.**

5 (b) If:

6 (1) the board receives a written complaint alleging that a CMRS  
7 provider has used money received under this chapter in a manner  
8 that is inconsistent with this chapter; and

9 (2) a majority of the board votes to conduct an audit of the CMRS  
10 provider;

11 the board may contract with a third party auditor to audit the CMRS  
12 provider to determine whether the CMRS provider has used money  
13 received under this chapter in a manner consistent with this chapter.

14 SECTION 6. IC 36-8-16.5-15 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
15 1, 2005].

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SENATE MOTION

Madam President: I move that Senator Garton be removed as author of Senate Bill 67 and that Senator Steele be substituted therefor.

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## COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 67, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

(SEE TEXT OF BILL)

and when so amended that said bill be reassigned to the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

(Reference is to SB 67 as introduced.)

GARTON, Chairperson

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